

GRIFFS MADE BEST SHOWING WEST

Won Only Seven of Seventeen Games, But Led All Teams From East.

LOSE FINAL TO BROWNS

BY DENMAN THOMPSON.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 23.—Although winding up their trip with a 2-0 loss from the Browns yesterday, the Nationals returned home with the satisfaction of knowing that of the four eastern teams they alone made anything like a respectable showing during the invasion of the west just ended. Of the seventeen games they played since crossing the divide seven were accounted victories and ten were defeats.

The next best exhibition given by a club from the Atlantic seaboard was that of the Yankees, who won five and dropped an even dozen. The hapless Red Sox put three hits on the right side of the ledger and were upset eleven times, while the hopeless Athletics gained only two victories and were routed on no less than fourteen occasions.

Considering the fact that New York is an acknowledged contender for pennant honors, the record of the Nationals in winning and losing two less must be considered not so bad. There was a far different showing from the second first trip west, when they won but a pair and lost nine.

The western clubs fairly feasted during the two weeks they played the host. Of the lot the Tigers grabbed first honors with three wins and three losses, while the White Sox stand second with twelve against five. The Browns and Indians tied with a mark of eleven and were judged on the result of this interlocking class to be the best of the west. Nothing to the west of them is to be expected this year but the west. However, make an impression on the first eastern trip and they face two more of them, while the eastern clubs go west again on the first week when the frontiersmen again take toward the rising sun there probably will be a new setting. Particularly in regard to the outcome of the contest in New York.

The Polo Grounds are just made to order for the Yankees, and a profitable home stand will be made. The Yankees right back near the lead again. They now are six and a half games in the rear of the setting White Sox, but this is by no means fatal to their chances at this stage of the race.

George Erickson tops the list of the Nationals' hurriers for the season. He has completed his record being three victories and no defeats. Johnson, next in line, has won two and lost two. The pair have a pair of wins and a pair of losses. Harry Shaw broke even, two and two. Harry Harper was the champion hand luck for a quartet of routs, the other three defeats being charged against Craft, Gill and Zachary.

To date this year the Nationals have gained only one victory at the expense of the Browns, that registered by Erickson last Sunday. Of the six defeats they have suffered, five have been by a single tally. With Wellman at the helm of his four victories never had a chance to win. Until the eighth when Gharitty doubled with two out, they failed to get a runner as far as second, and in the ninth, when the only visitor to see third, Harper, on the other hand, was hit at opportunity. The Nationals' last victory, which was solved to the extent of a single and brace of triples that the enemy two counters in the seventh.

Harper was nicked for a pair of extra counts, but the outfielder He framed Bronkie, who advanced on Gedeon's out and scored on Jacobson's double to left. This was as hard hit a ball as the average fan will see in the course of an entire season. It went on a line at a height of not more than twenty feet and struck the screen in front of the left field bleachers, bouncing back into the hands of Bronkie. Jacobson, who had been on Slesler's tap to Foster and registered on Williams' solid whack over second. The latter tried to steal. The Nationals' big southpaw got in a jam in the second through an error by Foster and a pair of passes. Harry tossed in a balk by way of variety just before the second pass, but lingered in the batter's box, causing Gedeon to lift to Judge.

Washington's first hit, which developed in the fifth, was a decidedly fluky affair by Murphy, whose effort to drag-bunt resulted in a pop fly that fell safely back of the pitcher's box. Bob's weak point—base running—then caused him to be caught out by Shanks. Howard lined to Williams in center and Murphy, who ran fearfully to second, was caught, caught, was beaten back to first by Williams' perfect throw to Slesler.

Harper's inability to locate a plate for Gedeon paved the way for another alien tally in the bag end of this session. Jacobson's bingle to center was pegged and Slesler's bingle to center cashed him. A pass to Janvin in the sixth brought Gharitty into the game in the role of substitute batsman for Harper. He hit into a double play and the round ended, after a walk to Judge, replays and a pair of passes. Zachary going to the mound. He retired the Browns in order in his first session and then pitched a shutout in the seventh. It led to nothing, as Rice forced him, Murphy forced Sam and Friedman grounded to first. The latter singled to left with one gone in this round and romped home with the Browns' fourth run when Jacobson limbered a three-base blow to right center. Slesler made it five by hammering a triple to left. The latter was flagged trying to steal home.

Gharitty drilled a double to left with two away in the eighth, but Judge's home drive was captured by Williams after a sharp sprint. Williams opened with a blow to right, was sacrificed to second and was doubled off when Foster gloved Gharitty's liner.

The attendance the last two days in St. Louis was very fair, everything considered, the cash count Monday being \$2,506, while \$3,779 turned out yesterday. St. Louis fans still the Browns have a good chance to cop and until they are convinced to the contrary will continue to turn out in generous numbers.

RACING WAITS ON KING.

Canada to Revive Sport When War's End Is Proclaimed.

TORONTO, July 23.—Horse racing with betting on the results will be legalized in Canada just as soon as a royal proclamation is issued in England announcing the end of a state of war with Germany and Austria. In an opinion of Sir Allen R. Aylesworth, former minister of justice, the order in council of June 1917, which prohibited racing for the duration of the war, would be effective no longer, regardless of the attitude of the Canadian parliament.

Griffs and Mackmen Clash on Local Grounds Tomorrow

The Griffins are due to arrive tomorrow morning and in the afternoon will have as guests the Athletics, the game starting at 3:30. With the best record of the eastern clubs on the western trip in games won and lost, the Nationals are sure to be heavily welcomed from their local admirers. Walter Johnson, who reached Washington Sunday night with Clyde Miller in charge, will probably do the twirling, while Scott Perry will serve them up for the visitors.

Clyde Miller is recovering rapidly from his illness, but it will be some time before he resumes fly chasing at his old post in center field.

\$50,000 LOSS BY RAIN

Estimates Show That Giants Are Minus This Sum Through Wet.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The St. Swithin showers of the last week have cost the Giants about \$50,000, so it is estimated. There have been six postponements during the last eight days, including Saturday and Sunday games, which would have probably attracted 50,000 spectators for the two games. Monday's double-header with Cincinnati would doubtless have drawn more than 20,000, while yesterday's game would have attracted almost as many.

Not within the memory of the oldest fan in Harlem has there been such a stretch of bad weather in July. There is a week of weather something like this during the world series in 1917, when the Giants and Athletics were marooned in Philadelphia. But this was in early October, when the weather is not supposed to be as reliable as in July.

The downpour was so heavy yesterday that the Polo Grounds were flooded and the game with Cincinnati had to be called off early. The double-header scheduled in Brooklyn with the Cubs, was also postponed. The Giants and Reds will try to play a double-header this afternoon if the weather permits. There will also be a double-header at Ebbets Field.

SOCCER CHAMPIONS SAIL

Bethlehem Team Bound for Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark to Play Games.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Members of the Bethlehem Steel foot ball club, American soccer champions, were among the passengers today on the steamship Stockholm for a three-month tour in Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark and Brazil.

The party, composed of twenty-five persons, includes nineteen players and three trainers. Thomas W. Cahill, honorary secretary of the United States Foot Ball Association, is director of the tour. Two players added to the roster at the last minute are Bill Easton, from the Gillespie (N.Y.) team, and Robert Morrison of Scotland.

Results of the impending matches will give a clue to the prospects of the United States soccer players will have in competition in the next Olympic games. The team has defeated England's best eleven on several occasions. Brazil's representative team has scored victories over England, France and the United States. American country, where the Americans have a tentative schedule of six games.

All of the federation teams of the Scandinavian countries will be met. The tour will be played at Christiania and Bergen.

The players will train aboard ship and at Salsbad, a town just outside of Stockholm, before the opening contest, which will be attended by King Gustav Adolf.

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RAVE CLUBS ENTER CREWS IN REGATTA

Potomac B. C. Only Washington Organization Listed to Take Part in S.R.A. Events.

Five clubs are scheduled to take part in the championship regatta of the Southern Rowing Association at Baltimore Saturday. The Potomac Boat Club is the only Washington organization slated to send crews. The Annapolans being unable to get together this season. The Old Dominion Boat Club of Alexandria, the Virginia Boat Club of Richmond and the Arleis and Arundels of Baltimore are the other clubs that will compete.

The affair Saturday is to be the fourth annual event of the southern association, which was organized four years ago at a midwinter meeting at the Raleigh Hotel of representatives of all the aquatic clubs in the section. The activities of the association have been hampered considerably by the war, but it has weathered the storm and seems to be in a thriving condition. All officials of the association expect the regatta Saturday to be the best held in the south since before the war.

Arrangements for a contemplated series of games between the Washington printers and New York printers is to be effected at a meeting of the Washington Union Printers' Athletic Association Sunday at the Typographical Union hall in New York. Edgar T. Brown, president of the association, requests that all individuals interested in the series be present.

Rex Athletic Club has scheduled a game with the Washington Steel Plant nine at Union Park for Saturday afternoon. The Steel Plant team won the first contest from the Rex outfit. The Steel Plant aggregation has been picked from the other teams of the District. Manager Wright of the Rex team is trying to arrange a game for Saturday afternoon.

GLEASON AFTER MAYS

Comiskey Is Willing to Pay \$25,000 for Submarine Twirler of Red Sox.

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"He not only got the men he wanted, but he got two great ball players. There were several clubs after Bauleite, but he didn't fit in with me. For the way I'm running the Cards Jack Miller is the best player I was at first base. "Bauleite is a sensational player. He can field round balls anywhere, is sure on through the glove and has a wonderful arm. But he's a first baseman and not an outfielder, although he can play the outfield. In fact, he can play almost any position. But he's best at first. "Meadows is a good pitcher and I think he'll be a Cravath. He's been in and out this season—mostly out. Still, he'll come around. "Another thing: Cravath made no mistake in getting Traggesser. If I had known I was going to trade Snyder to the Giants I would have claimed Traggesser. Already Cravath has taken constructive steps."

BURRUS' BONE BROKE MIRAGE OF VICTORY

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 23.—Burrus, the extra first sacker of the Athletics, won a life membership in the Hall of Fame yesterday when he walked off first base in the ninth inning, thinking there were three out instead of only two. He thus prevented the Mackmen from tying the score, or possibly winning the game. As it was, Cleveland was the victor by a score of 4 to 3.

Burrus batted for Pitcher Naylor in the ninth. He already having scored one run and having the bases filled with only one out. He walked off first base, thinking there were three out instead of only two. Then when Burns and Catcher O'Neill were picking themselves up, Burrus told his roommate, C. Wright, to get the plate, probably intending to go back to the bench to get his glove, thinking that he would be so great that he could get back as quick as Second Baseman Wambach could attract Cossel's attention and get him to throw the ball to first.

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At the Net.



ON GUARD

By ROBERT L. RIPLEY.

America is about to be invaded! The Australian tennis team is coming fresh from victory in the British championship and seeks to add our tennis title to its list.

The home guard is being rushed into action in the hope of saving our national title in the singles and doubles against the great antipodeans Norman E. Brookes and Gerald Patterson. R. V. Thomas and Randolph Lycett complete the foreign team.

Young Patterson, who is only twenty-four, recently won the English title, defeating the veteran Brookes in the final. Already the call has been answered by McLoughlin, Bundy, Griffin, Johnston of California and Williams, Mathey, Washburn, Vashell and others who were in the service are coming to the assistance of Murray, Tilden, Richards and the rest of those who have been holding the fort.

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RAIN STOPS RACKETERS

Only Ten Players Appeared in Tennis Tourney at Longwood Yesterday.

NEWTON, Mass., July 23.—Rain played havoc with the schedule of matches yesterday in the tennis singles tournament for the Longwood Bowl and in the doubles for the New England sectional championship. As a result only ten players appeared on the courts and not a match was finished. C. Wright of Boston, playing with his brother, Irvin C. Wright of Boston, had a fairly easy time taking a set in the second round match from H. C. Collette, Brookline, and Horace Taylor, Boston, six games to three. The Wrights were leading, two games to one, when rain stopped the play.

In the singles, third round, N. W. Niles, defeated G. Garber, New York, 6-4. The second set had just started when rain put an end to it. Charles G. Wright of Boston, defeated James Crocker, New York, stood five games each on the first set of their third-round match. Joseph W. Peirle, Philadelphia, 7-5, in the first set in the third round.

Robert Kussey and Axel Graven, San Francisco team, who were to have met A. A. Claffin and W. W. Rice, both of Chicago, in a match which was scheduled, did not appear, but were not defaulted, as it is hoped they will arrive today.

Yankees Check White Sox.

The New York Yankees checked Chicago's winning streak yesterday by winning, 6 to 1, bouncing hits off Kerr.

Pitcher Jack Quinn of New York, was master throughout the game and was veridant and well out above perfectly. The second game, newly constructed, was found to be a trifle too soft and a rule was made allowing players to clean their ball on the apron in getting the mud off.

James Barnes of St. Louis, title holder, was paired with George Sargent of Minneapolis and was easily defeated by Louis Teller of Boston, formerly a French expert, playing with Frank Adams of Chicago. Only a few hours behind these stars were Gil Nichols of New York and Robert Simpson of Toronto, both of whom were closely bunched after them came Willie Kidd of St. Louis, Emmet French of Chicago, and Edna Loos of Chicago.

Among the afternoon starters were Le D'Amore of Detroit, Edna Loos, and Tom Kerrigan, New York, and Alex Cunningham of Wheeling, who was given a well-deserved rest after five years ago at Glen Oak Club, Chicago.

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It is no easy feat for a novice to break a clay target with a shotgun. Men have been known to shoot at fifty and more before they hit one. The news of Gen. Pershing's determined start as a trap-shooter just arrived at the New York headquarters of the American Trap-shooting Association in a letter from "Buffalo" Smith, an American who was sent to France by the Y. M. C. A. and who is in charge of the clay target game in the A. E. F. camps.

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	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Chicago	53	24	.688	461 439
Cleveland	48	34	.586	574 574
New York	45	37	.550	563 563
Pittsburgh	45	37	.550	563 563
Detroit	45	37	.550	563 563
St. Louis	45	37	.550	563 563
Boston	45	37	.550	563 563
Washington	25	48	.423	429 417
Athletics	19	54	.253	241

GAMES TODAY. GAMES TOMORROW.

No games scheduled. New York at Boston. St. Louis at Chicago. Detroit at Cleveland.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S GAME. St. Louis, 5; Washington, 0. Detroit, 2; Boston, 1. New York at Chicago, 1; Cleveland, 4; Philadelphia, 3.

National League

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Pittsburgh	39	38	.500	524 513
Brooklyn	38	38	.500	524 513
Boston	29	46	.387	397 354
St. Louis	29	46	.387	397 354
Philadelphia	23	47	.327	338 324</